A Planning Study Report on Lower Silver Creek

(from Coyote Creek to Cunningham Avenue)

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INTRODUCTION

This report has two purposes. They are:

- To report what we have learned about the community's desires for the development of Lower Silver Creek.
- To recommend steps to fulfill the wishes of the majority of the community.

Several public hearings were held in 1974 by the District Board of Directors on the proposed construction or reconstruction of 18 creeks in the East Flood Control Zone. As a result of these hearings, the Board directed the staff to work within the local communities toward the planning for each creek.

Several advisory committees and the Cities of Milpitas and San Jose identified four creeks as needing top priority. They are: Lower Silver Creek, Berryessa Creek, Thompson Creek, and Coyote Creek. This report deals with Lower Silver Creek.

It became apparent at the outset of the study that two fundamental questions must be answered before detailed planning could be started.

- Should Lower Silver Creek serve essentially a single purpose, namely, protection of the public, by providing only flood control and erosion prevention?
- Or, should Lower Silver Creek have a multipurpose, by including protection of the public plus open space, trail and park elements?

A study plan was developed to answer these questions. The essence of the study was to:

1. Work with the City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Department to determine the potential of Lower Silver Creek as a recreational and open space resource.

2. Form a citizens action committee and hold public meetings within the community to discuss basic issues and to solicit comments. Fifty representative organizations and about four thousand citizens living in the vicinity of the creek were invited to participate.

3. Conduct a telephone public opinion survey. The survey is to represent the entire east side community.

4. Mail out questionnaires to people living in the vicinity of the creek. The questionnaire asked for opinions relative to multipurpose and a single-purpose project.

5. Coordinate what we have learned from other projects about the public's desires for a single or a multipurpose project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the staff be directed to prepare an engineer's report and an environmental impact report for a single-purpose project for Lower Silver Creek. The project should have the following elements:

- Be fenced without a trail system.
- Allowance for a possible trail system in the future.
- Coordination with the City to accommodate "mini parks" along the creek where open space is available.

Meetings with the City of San Jose

A series of meetings were held with personnel from the City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Department. The City and District staffs jointly developed a general plan for using the creek and the city streets to connect parks and schools. This plan shows a trail system along the creek to connect Coyote Creek at Watson Park to the proposed Lake Cunningham Park. The plan is compatible with park usage. The concept was discussed with personnel from the San Jose Police Department. It was their opinion that a linear park trail system would be difficult but not impossible to police. This plan was used as a starting point to show the public what we mean by a "multipurpose" project.

Citizens Action Committee Meetings

Lower Silver Creek was separated into four zones with the hope of getting greater "grass-roots" participation. Two meetings were held in each zone. A public brochure was prepared for each of the four zones. The brochures were printed on colored paper to identify each zone and were updated after each meeting. An example of these is included as Appendix 3. The Study Zones are:

Red Zone: Coyote Creek to King-McKee Roads.

Yellow Zone: King-McKee Roads to Jackson Avenue.

Blue Zone: Jackson Avenue to Capitol Expressway.

Green Zone: Capitol Expressway to Cunningham Avenue.

Eight public meetings were held during October and November

1974 at which the multipurpose and the single-purpose types of projects were discussed. The City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Department participated in each meeting. It was explained to each citizen group that we would like them to serve as a Citizens Committee to advise the District regarding community desires for Lower Silver Creek. As a committee, each group was asked to consider the basic issue as it related to their neighborhood. The meetings were therefore directed toward the impacts that a multipurpose and a single-purpose project would have upon the community.

Although no firm recommendation was developed by the committees, most people favored the following concepts:

- Flood control should be provided as soon as possible.
- There should be no tax increase.
- The use of the channel area should be restricted to flood control functions only.
- There should be no removal of private residences.
- Project costs should be kept to a minimum.
- Safety of children should be a design consideration.
- There should not be a trail system using either streets or the channel.
- Existing open spaces adjacent to the channel should be developed into small parks but not interconnected by a walkway in the channel. Private residences adjacent to these neighborhood parks should be protected from trespassers.

A more complete Report on the action committee meetings is included in Appendix 1.

Telephone Public Opinion Survey

In December 1974, Diridon Research Corporation was retained to conduct a public opinion survey regarding the proposed project on Lower Silver Creek. The purpose of the survey was to gain public input on a broader base pertaining to the basic issue of a single-purpose project versus a multipurpose project. In addition, public opinion was obtained regarding methods of financing, construction timing, and construction details. The primary findings are summarized below.

FLOOD CONTROL ALTERNATIVES

- When asked their opinions of a single-purpose facility in and of itself, 47 percent felt generally favorable toward the concept, while 35 percent were opposed and 18 percent were undecided.
- Sixty-three percent of the respondents felt generally favorable toward constructing recreational facilities, while 19 percent were opposed and 28 percent were undecided.
- When asked to choose between a single- or multipurpose facility, 54 percent preferred construction of a single-purpose facility, 37 percent favored a multipurpose project, and 9 percent were undecided.

- Forty-eight percent of the respondents would not be willing to wait up to 20 years for flood control, while 35 percent would be willing to wait and 17 percent were undecided.
- Thirty-seven percent of the respondents who were registered to vote would vote in favor of a bond issue to fund a multipurpose project, while 48 percent would oppose such a bond, with 15 percent undecided.

CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

- Sixty-six percent of the respondents who preferred a single-purpose facility, favored restricting access to the creek by construction of fences, while 18 percent opposed such an action.
- Picnicking, bicycling, and sports activities such as horseshoes, badminton, and ball games were the most frequently mentioned forms of recreation which would be used under a multipurpose project.
- Year-round flow of water in the creek was favored by 66 percent of the respondents favoring the multipurpose project, while 15 percent were opposed.
- Of those respondents favoring a multipurpose project, 51 percent favored a system of creekside parks without a trail, while 37 percent favored construction of a trail along the entire length of the creek.

The following conclusions can be drawn from the Survey:

- Those within the Berryessa, Alum Rock and Evergreen planning areas do not favor a creekside trail system. Sentiment within the flood areas is also against the trail system. Renters are more in favor of a trail system than are property owners.
- Creekside parks not connected by trails were favored.
- A single-purpose project was favored by those along the creek and those close to the creek.
- Those along the creek are willing to wait for flood protection while those who would be flooded, but do not live along the creek, are not willing to wait. Property owners are less willing to wait than are renters.
- A strong majority favor fencing the facility.
- Although a majority were against bond financing, those in the Alum Rock and Evergreen planning areas were split. With a carefully conducted campaign, bond financing may be possible.

Mailed Public Opinion Questionnaire

In January 1975 a questionnaire was mailed to approximately 3000 residents in the East Zone. The addresses live along and near Silver Creek. The purpose of the questionnaire was to poll the public regarding a single-purpose and a multipurpose project. The results of the questionnaire are summarized below.

- For every person who favors recreation facilities, there are two persons who favor only a flood control project.
- Of those who favor recreation facilities, choices are split between trails and parks.
- The majority favor restricted access to the creek by a ratio of 2 to 1.
- Most of the people who responded are registered voters.
- Most of the people are opposed to a bond election for recreation facilities.
- Most of the responses were from caucasians who are over 30 years old, own or are buying their homes and have an income between $10,000 and $15,000.

A detailed summary of the questionnaire results is in Appendix 4.

Comparison of the Two Surveys

For ease of identification, the telephone public opinion survey will be referred to as the "Diridon" survey. The mailed public opinion survey will be referred to as the "District" survey.

The Diridon survey polled residents that represent the entire East Zone. The District survey area overlapped the Diridon survey area only on or near the creek. Because the Diridon survey area was much broader then the District survey area, it would be invalid to compare such factors as Homeowner/Renter, Income Level, Age, Sex, and Design Preference.

The following table lists the factors that can be compared between the two surveys. This comparison applies only to persons living on or near the channel.

Question	Diridon	District
1. No tax considerations[1]		
Flood Control only	59%	63%
Flood Control with recreation	33%	29%
2. After tax considerations[2]		
Flood Control only	53%	61%
Flood Control with recreation	37%	24%
3. Creek access[3]	10%	28%
No access	79%	36%
4. Recreation Facilities		
Picnicking	24%	22%
Hiking	10%	27%
5. Year-round water flow		
Yes	64%	32%
No	12%	20%
6. Creek side trail	29%	25%
Parks without trails	54%	13%
7. Willing to wait		
No	inconclusive	45%
Yes	inconclusive	29%
8. Registered to vote		86%
9. Bond election		
Yes	44%	23%
No	51%	59%

(1) This question was asked without reference to a possible tax increase for flood control with recreation.

(2) This question was asked after it was pointed out that the "flood control with recreation" alternative could cause the flood control taxes to double.

(3) This question was confusing because of the way it was worded. However, the results show that for both surveys the majority of the people favor "no access".

Experience Gained from Other District Projects

We are constantly learning how the local community views flood control projects. This experience is important in the decision-making process for new projects. In the past we have constructed projects that have the potential for multipurpose use as well as those that are designed only for single-purpose use. The following are observations that can be drawn from our experience with each:

- The reach of San Tomas Creek from McCoy Avenue to Wildcat Creek is a modified floodplain designed to allow people to use the creek. There are no fences. The project, although only recently completed, has come under criticism by adjacent property owners. They complain that public access to the creek infringes upon the adjacent owner's right to privacy. Some feel that their homes are now subject to increased danger of vandalism and burglary because of the ease of access provided by the creek. This creek is a beautiful, naturally vegetated stream; a condition which does not prevail on Lower Silver Creek.
- The reach of Barron Creek from Bayshore Freeway to Louis Road was only recently completed. Flood walls were constructed along one bank behind backyard fences to provide additional capacity. Adjacent property owners

Have complained that people can walk along the top of the walls which infringes upon their right to privacy. They also claim that the wall allows easy access from the creek into their backyards which increases their exposure to vandalism and burglary.

- The reach of San Tomas Creek from near San Tomas Expressway to McCoy Avenue is a trapezoidal concrete-lined channel fenced along both right of way lines and at all street crossings. We have received comments that the steep side slopes offer a hazard should someone fall into the creek. It is impossible to get back out without walking to a maintenance ramp. No complaints have been received regarding infringement upon privacy or vandalism as a result of access from the creek.
- Guadalupe Creek above its confluence with Guadalupe River was constructed as a modified floodplain. Coleman Road runs along the south side of the creek. Along the north side of the creek percolation ponds separate the creek from backyards for all but a short reach. The creek right of way is wide, providing adequate room for use by people without infringing upon the rights of adjacent owners. Motorcycles have caused a problem since they are often ridden along the creek right of way.
- Randol Creek from Almaden Expressway to Viewpoint Lane

was constructed so that subdivision street patterns could be laid out on each side of the creek. A strip of land could be landscaped between the creek and the top of the bank, on both sides of the creek. The plan was developed with the City of San Jose and was approved by the local home-owner's associations. Low fencing will be placed at the edge of both banks for the security of small children.

- Private property owners along Stevens Creek object to an increased public use by having a formal park or trail system. They fear increased vanalism, noise, burglaries and bank erosion. Joint use does appear feasible, however, in areas of schools, park, civic centers, and other public-owned property.
- The Llagas Creek Advisory Committee has voiced opposition to a trail system along the creek. Invasion of privacy and trespassing are the Committee's chief concerns.
- The Uvas Creek Advisory Committee endorses a park chain along Uvas Creek.

Additional Planning Considerations

In addition to the citizens' input, there are three basic concerns that should be considered before deciding the type of project that should be selected. They are 1) Financial, 2) Potential environmental and social impacts, and 3) Timing for implementation.

Financial

Based upon preliminary calculations a park or a trail system along Silver Creek could double the cost of the project. The amount of additional cost depends upon the extent of the trail or park system. A multipurpose facility will cost more to construct and maintain than a single-purpose facility and will create additional costs for liability insurance.

Potential Environmental and Social Impacts

The existing Silver Creek, although constructed by man within the last forty years, has some value as a resource to the community. It does support animal life which will be affected by a flood control project. Because of the limited right of way available in most areas, it will be necessary to deepen and widen the creek and provide some type of hard surface lining regardless of the alternative selected. The selection of a multipurpose project or single-purpose project should therefore not be unduly influenced by environmental considerations. Landscaping will be necessary to mitigate the impact of construction.

An environmental impact report will be required which addresses the impact to the creek environment, the adjacent property owners and the community.

Timing for Implementation

The single-purpose plan, if it were selected, can be implemented in the shortest period of time with the financial

resources that are available. On the other hand, the multipurpose plan would require additional financial resources or would require that the implementation period be extended. If the multipurpose project is selected, we must also consider the impact upon other needed projects within the East Zone. Is it reasonable to delay needed construction on other streams in order to implement a park trail system along Silver Creek? In preliminary discussions with the City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Department, it does not appear that funds through City sources for a park trail system would be available within a reasonable period to assist in construction.

CONCLUSIONS

Certain conclusions can be drawn from the information gained through input from public meetings, through the public opinion surveys, and through our experience with other District projects.

From Public Input:

- A trail system along Silver Creek is not acceptable.
- The creek right of way should be fenced.
- Small parks should not be precluded from being developed along the creek where vacant land is available.
- Creek improvements should be single purpose and provide for flood control and erosion control only.
- The project should be constructed in the shortest possible time.
- Bond financing should not be considered as a means of financing construction.

From Other District Projects:

- Facilities designed to allow public access, when sufficient right of way is not available to provide separation from adjacent backyards, results in infringement, to some degree, upon the rights to privacy of adjacent residents. Most persons believe that an increase of vandalism and burglaries of adjacent properties may also occur due to ease of access from the creek.
- Trapezoidal concrete-lined channels present a safety hazard.

- Where natural aesthetic streams are near residential developments, the neighborhood, in general, favors preserving the creek in a modified flood plan; however, residents immediately adjacent to the creek complain about encroachment upon their privacy and security. Many residents buy or build their homes with the idea that the creek is their own private domain.
- Formal joint use does not appear feasible except where large blocks of public land such as parks, schools, and civic centers are adjacent to creek or where creek right of way is very wide (200 feet or greater) and there are public streets separating the creek from adjacent home owners. Public use would increase bank erosion due to the destruction of vegetation on the creek banks. Some examples of this are on Saratoga Creek through the park area and on Thompson Creek between Aborn and Quimby.

APPENDIX 1

REPORT
ON
SILVER CREEK ACTION COMMITTEE
MEETINGS OF
October and November 1974

Introduction:

The staff was directed by the Board of Directors to obtain public input into the planning process for the development of flood protection measures on Lower Silver Creek from its confluence with Coyote Creek to its terminus at King Road. In response to this direction, the staff organized a study for the purpose of obtaining the maximum amount of public input at the "grass roots" level. Because of the unique nature of the proposed Lake Cunningham reach, it was not included in the study area. The reach of creek included in the study comprises a length of approximately five miles and begins at the Coyote Creek confluence and terminates just upstream of Cunningham Avenue. The creek was subdivided into four zones for individual study by neighborhood residences.

The zones are:

Red Zone: Coyote Creek to King-McKee Roads

Yellow Zone: King-McKee to Jackson Avenue

Blue Zone: Jackson Avenue to Capitol Expressway

Green Zone: Capitol Expressway to Cunningham Avenue

History of the Study:

Four schools were selected for meeting places along Silver Creek. A brochure was prepared and a list of 50 organizations was compiled.

Invitations were sent to all 50 organizations to participate in an "Action Committee" for the planning of flood protection measures on Lower Silver Creek. Only 14 people showed up for the first meeting. As a result of this poor turnout, an attractively designed mailer was prepared. The mailers were sent out to approximately 1,000 residents in each zone. The mailer was written in English and in Spanish. Included on the mailing list was everyone who has shown any interest in Lower Silver Creek.

It became apparent that the foremost question to be answered was, "Should the Silver Creek plan contain a multi-purpose, or a single-purpose element?" The brochure and the public meetings were designed to explain the significance of the multi-purpose and the single-purpose projects. The community was asked to comment on the advantages or disadvantages of both concepts.

The Brochure:

The staff prepared an individual brochure for each zone which was color coded to identify the specific zone covered in the brochure. The brochure contained a description of the study area, a statement of purpose for the study, a history of flooding, a history of the Silver Creek study, several drawings of alternative

cross-sections, and a discussion of the alternatives contained in the brochure. A summary of each Action Committee meeting was added to each brochure.

The public brochure for each zone was organized in the following manner:

- Front cover titled "Silver Creek Action Committee".
- Title page showing the place and date of the meetings.
- Pages i through vi provides a summary of previous zone meetings and lists those in attendance.
- Page 1 is a "Key Map" and shows the zone.
- Pages 2 through 5 are the introduction pages which include history and flood maps.
- Pages 6 and 7 show typical single-purpose and multi-purpose channel systems.
- Pages 8 through 12 show typical cross-sections and their relative costs.
- Blank page for notes.

The Meetings:

The staff conducted eight Action Committee meetings; two in each zone. The meetings were held according to the following schedule:

Date	Reach	Meeting Place
October 23, 1974	Capitol to Cunningham	Rogers School
November 13, 1974	Capitol to Cunningham	Rogers School
October 24, 1974	McKee to Jackson Avenue	Mathson School
November 14, 1974	McKee to Jackson Avenue	Mathson School
November 6, 1974	Coyote to McKee	Ann Darling School
November 20, 1974	Coyote to McKee	Ann Darling School
November 7, 1974	Jackson to Capitol	Goss School
November 21, 1974	Jackson to Capitol	Goss School

Various alternatives that could be applied to Lower Silver Creek were presented. Several conceptual drawings were prepared to show possible cross-sections. They are: 1) concrete lined channel contained inside existing rights of way, 2) modified floodplain channel which requires additional rights of way, 3) gabion lined channel which may or may not require additional rights of way depending on the existing width of the right of way, 4) four cell box culvert contained within the existing rights of way, 5) a rock lined channel which would require additional rights of way.

Analysis of the Public Meetings:

The meetings (with the exception of one) were rather sparsely attended.

There were 36 citizens in attendance at the second meeting to discuss the zone from Capitol Expressway to Cunningham Avenue. The other seven meetings had an average of only eight people in attendance. The majority of those in attendance lived adjacent

to the creek and their opinions reflected a deep concern for their security and safety. Most of the people favor the following concepts:

- Flood Control should be provided as soon as possible.
- There should be no raise in taxes.
- The use of the channel area should be restricted to flood control functions only.
- There should be no removal of private residences.
- Project costs should be kept to a minimum.
- Safety of children should be a design consideration.
- There should not be a trail system using either streets or the channel.
- Existing open spaces adjacent to the channel should be developed into small parks but not interconnected by a walkway in the channel. Private residences adjacent to these neighborhood parks should be protected from trespassers.

Conclusions:

A total of 94 people attended eight action committee meetings. Of this figure several were City of San Jose staff personnel. Some citizens attended more than one meeting. Approximately 70 different people attended at least one meeting. Seventy people is not a good representation of the approximately 9,400 residents subject to flooding from Lower Silver Creek. However, it appears that people living along the banks of the creek generally do not want a multi-purpose project, at least along their property.

These people do generally approve of multi-use of areas where the land is not already developed. They do not want trails along the creek to connect schools, streets or parks. The City of San Jose's Planning personnel emphasized the desirability of using the creek for a trailway system. Apparently there is no major support for this activity.

It can be concluded that the information gained from the series of action committee meetings is not sufficient to accurately reflect the opinions and desires of the citizens living within the floodplain.

Recommendations:

That an opinion poll be conducted with the citizens living in the Silver Creek floodplain. The poll should be designed to accurately determine what the people want and how much they are willing to pay for the project.

Using the results of the poll, staff should prepare a preliminary plan and an engineer's report. The plan should provide for alternative uses where there is open space and a recommended use where there is not open space, unless the results of the poll indicate the need for another course of action. One more public meeting should be held by staff to review the preliminary plan and the draft engineer's report. Then the engineer's report and the environmental impact report should be completed and public hearings started.

APPENDIX 2

LOWER SILVER CREEK PUBLIC MEETING PRESENTATION
SILVER CREEK ACTION COMMITTEE

1. Introduce staff and Board Members.

2. Explain purpose of study. (Easel Display)

   . To develop a plan which will prevent flooding, control erosion and possibly provide recreation and open space along the creek.

3. Explain purpose of the meeting. (Easel Display)

   a. To demonstrate the need for a flood control and erosion control project.

   b. To discuss community desires as it relates to potential recreational and open space use of the creek.

   c. To solicit pros and cons of single purpose and multipurpose projects.

4. Discuss flow chart (game plan for the study).

5. The problem and creek setting.

   a. Flood map (wall display)

   b. Slide show

      . Flood maps

      . Aerial photo showing creek as it relates to surrounding community.

6. Hand out and explain purpose of brochure.

7. Discuss alternatives contained in the brochure.

- Purpose of brochure: Information tool for pros and cons. Will update.
- Single purpose project.
- Multipurpose project.

8. City of San Jose discussion of multipurpose park and open space plan.

9. <u>TAKE A 10-MINUTE BREAK</u>

10. Discuss full-scale cross section and renderings. Point where they might be used.
    - Explain pros and cons concept; ask that group set forth their own views as it applies to single-purpose and multipurpose projects.

11. End meeting,
    - Date for next meeting.
    - Announcement will be sent out.

DISPLAYS

- Easel Display - Statement of purpose of study.
- Easel Display - Statement of purpose of meeting.
- Flow chart - Show progress of study and purpose of meeting.
- Wall-mounted flood map.
- Wall-mounted strip map showing reach under discussion.
- Slide presentation -
  - Flood map.
  - Ground photos along creek.
  - Aerial photos along creek and surrounding community.
- Discuss full-scale renderings - 3 total.

Easel Display - pros and cons -

- Single-purpose project.
- Multipurpose project.

Silver Creek Action Committee

SILVER CREEK

PUBLIC BROCHURE

To study the creek between Capitol Expressway and Cunningham Avenue

Public meeting: William Rogers Elementary School
2999 Ridgemont Drive
San Jose, California

October 23 and
November 13, 1974, 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by --- Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, California 95118

PUBLIC MEETING
WILLIAM ROGERS SCHOOL
October 23, 1974

This meeting was attended by the following citizens:

NAME	ADDRESS	AFFILIATION
William Thomas	City Hall	City of S.J. Plan. Dept
Velma Million	2678 Klein Rd., S.J.	Citizen
John Pearson	1532 Harvest Dr., S.J.	"
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rose	10260 Dover Way., S.J.	"
Tom Halla	1394 Sundown Ln., S.J.	"
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Halla	1394 Sundown Ln., S.J.	"
Gloria Callijas	1383 Sundown Ln., S.J.	"
Marlene Barnhart	1690 Sundown Ln., S.J.	P.T.A. (Girl Scouts)
Ann Recktenwald	1698 Sundown Ln., S.J.	Citizen
Alicia Recktenwald	1698 Sundown Ln., S.J.	Citizen
Howard C. Donald	Police Dept., City of S.J.	Deputy Chief
Patrick Ferraro	-	District Board of Dir.

The meeting was conducted by Mr. Ferguson with staff support by Messrs. McGuire, Soto, Wilson, and Mrs. Newland, in accordance with the prepared outline for the meeting. Mr. Norm LaPoint from the City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Department presented some ideas for Park development, landscaping at intersections and a trail system for Lower Silver Creek.

The salient question asked of the committee was "does the community want a single-purpose or a multi-purpose project on Lower Silver Creek?" The following "pros" and "cons" were suggested by the committee:

Multi-Purpose Project

PRO	CON
- Invasion of privacy could be mitigated	- Invasion of privacy
- Possible cost-sharing by City	- Possible removal of houses
	- Increased cost
- May increase property values	- Possible need for bond issue for financing
- May reduce crime by providing additional recreation	- Harder to provide police patrol

Single-Purpose Project

PRO	CON
- Least expensive and could be financed over 9-year period	- Not necessarily secure (safety)
	- Destroys natural habitat
- Less costly maintenance costs	- Destroys opportunities for nature studies
- Better ease of police protection	

A general discussion by members of the committee followed.

Mrs. Gene E. Barnhart (Marlene), 259-0507, volunteered to contact the Rogers and the Ocala P.T.A. and the Girl Scouts for help in distributing door-to-door meeting announcements for subsequent meetings.

Mr. Pearson explained that the pending law suit against the District involving the East Zone EIR was not intended to stop or delay further planning on Lower Silver Creek.

The safety of children was discussed and it was generally agreed that any alternative selected must provide for safety.

It was announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 1974 at the same time and place. The subject of that meeting would be a continuation of a discussion on the pros and cons for the single-purpose and the nulti-purpose projects. If it is determined that a multi-purpose project is desired by the community, the pros and cons for specific alternatives will be discussed along with any additional alternatives that may come from the floor.

PUBLIC MEETING
WILLIAM ROGERS SCHOOL
November 13, 1974

This meeting was attended by the following citizens:

NAME	ADDRESS	AFFILIATION
William S. Navarilete	2962 Park Lane	Citizen
Mrs. Sam Marino	1265 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Mrs. A. Boyd	1257 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Mrs. Fred Kitajima	1553 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Lacy Cantrell	1259 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Karen McCabe	2941 Warringdon Drive	Ryan PTA 1241 McGinnis
Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Moura	1245 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Mr. & Mrs. R. Comaita	1336 South Capitol Avenue	SCC Girl Scouts
B. A. Wilkey	1569 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Robert Skuois	1263 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
McKinley Cantrell	1259 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Mr. & Mrs. T. Leppone	1257 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Patrick C. Kerr	1532 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Edward Shields	1684 Sundown Lane	Citizen
Ruby Vick	1271 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
John R. Bell	2975 Ocala Court	Citizen
J. L. Belton	1281 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Tom Halla	1394 Sundown Lane	Citizen
Antonio L. Louis	1273 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Ann Recktenwald	1698 Sundown Lane	Citizen
Marleen Barnhart	1690 Sundown Lane	Citizen
Mini Diaz	1776 Woodridge Way	Rogers School
R. McDonald	1295 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
R. Seemens	1293 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
H. Seemens	1293 Farringdon Drive	Citizen
Anthony Rose	10260 Dover Way	Citizen
Claudet Oberdick	1460 Ramsgate Way	Citizen
Robert Oberdick	1460 Ramsgate Way	Citizen
Marybeth Chan	2975 Ridgemont Drive	Citizen
Joseph R. & Rita Ortega	3004 Ridgemont Drive	Citizen
John Pearson	1532 Harvest Drive	Citizen
Pedro J. Diaz	1776 Woodridge Way	Rogers School

The meeting was conducted by Mr. Edwin Ferguson with staff support from Messrs. McGuire, Vazquez and Mrs. Newland. Mr. Norm La Pointe from the City of San Jose's Parks and Recreation Department was on hand to answer any questions concerning park development along and adjacent to the channel.

The following comments were received:

Multi-Purpose Project

Pro	Con
. A park chain would be less expensive than a park on private property which would need to be purchased.	. Pesticide spraying of landscaped areas would carry over onto private property. . Effective lighting is difficult. . Linear parks cannot be patrolled by a block parent. . Damages by children trespassing across private property to get to park chains.

General discussion on possibilities of a pedestrian and bike trails on city streets produced the following comments:

. Good police protection could be provided.

. Could be supervised by block parents.

. A lack of privacy may develop along the trails.

. Could cause an inflex of undesirable elements.

Mr. Ferraro presented a short discussion of the procedure for establishing projects in the District, that is; the hearing plan developed by staff, the open public meetings and eventually the decision of the Board to authorize the project.

Mr. Ferguson summarized the public comments as follows:

. Thirty citizens favored a single-purpose project. (38 total attendance)

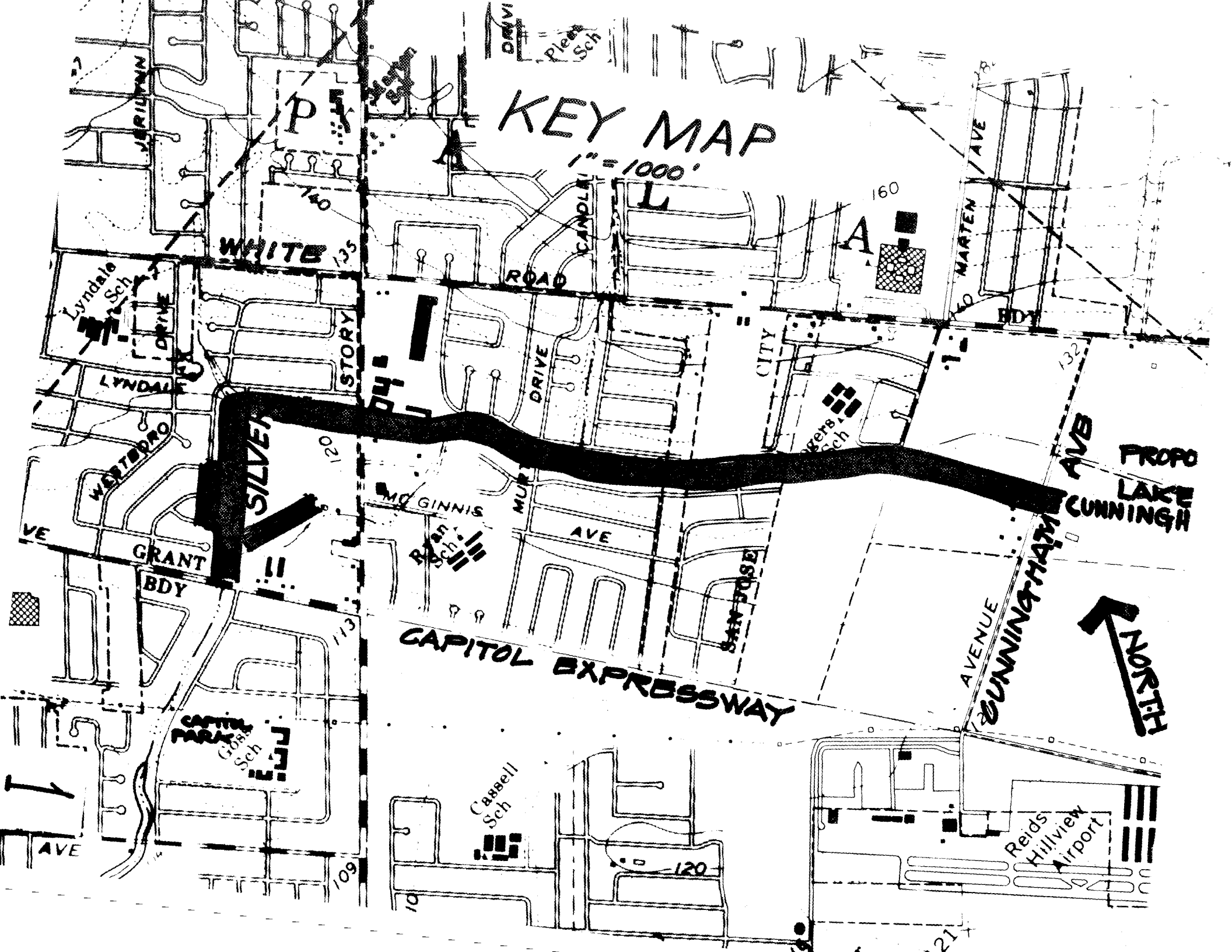
. The majority did not favor parkways or walkways behind private residences.

. Most felt that a flood control project was necessary.

. The flood control project should be the least expensive and the one which can be built expeditiously.

. The majority felt that available open land adjacent to the creek should be developed into parks but the parks should not be connected along the creek or by markers along the streets.

Mr. Ferguson closed the meeting and indicated that the next step in the planning process would be the development of a plan by staff, based on the comments received, which will again be presented to the public for review.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INTRODUCTION

Flood waters could break out of Silver Creek and cause extensive damage to many hundreds of existing homes. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has undertaken a study to develop a plan that will contain flood waters within the creek. We want you to work with an action committee that will give us some good advice.

This brochure presents possible alternatives that will provide flood protection. Other designs may be developed as the study proceeds. The brochure will also serve as a work tool for formulating pros and cons of proposed designs.

Study Area

Lower Silver Creek from its confluence with Coyote Creek near Bayshore Freeway to Cunningham Avenue is under study. In order to gain the greatest community input, the creek will be considered in four separate sections.

- Coyote Creek to McKee Road
- McKee Road to Jackson Avenue
- Jackson Avenue to Capitol Expressway
- Capitol Expressway to Cunningham Avenue

Purpose of the Study

- To study ways to prevent flooding.
- To study ways to curb erosion of the bottom and banks of the creek.

- To study possible ways of using the creek for recreational and open space purposes.

History of Flooding and Erosion on Lower Silver Creek

With the exception of the steeper portions of the watershed in the upland areas, large portions of the northerly watershed are subject to frequent flooding from Silver Creek. The floods of 1952, 1955, 1958, 1967 caused considerable damage to existing houses and businesses. Silver Creek has, at various times, been partially improved to increase its flow-carrying capacity. The northerly urbanized area of the watershed is subject to increasing flood hazards as urbanization of the upland watershed continue. The map on page 4 shows the extent of flooding that could occur along Silver Creek from the flood that has a one percent chance of happening in any year.

The creek channel from Coyote Creek to a point about 700 feet downstream of Alum Rock Avenue and from about 200 feet upstream from Lausett Avenue to Cunningham Avenue has suffered serious erosion. If this continues, it will cause major sloughing of the channel banks causing the creek to encroach into many of the adjacent residential properties. It could also undermine bridge supports resulting in collapse of the bridges.

History of the Study on Lower Silver Creek from Coyote Creek to Cunningham Avenue

A single purpose plan for Lower Silver Creek was developed in 1973 which consisted mainly of a landscaped trapezoidal concrete channel with maintenance roads on each side. In many cases

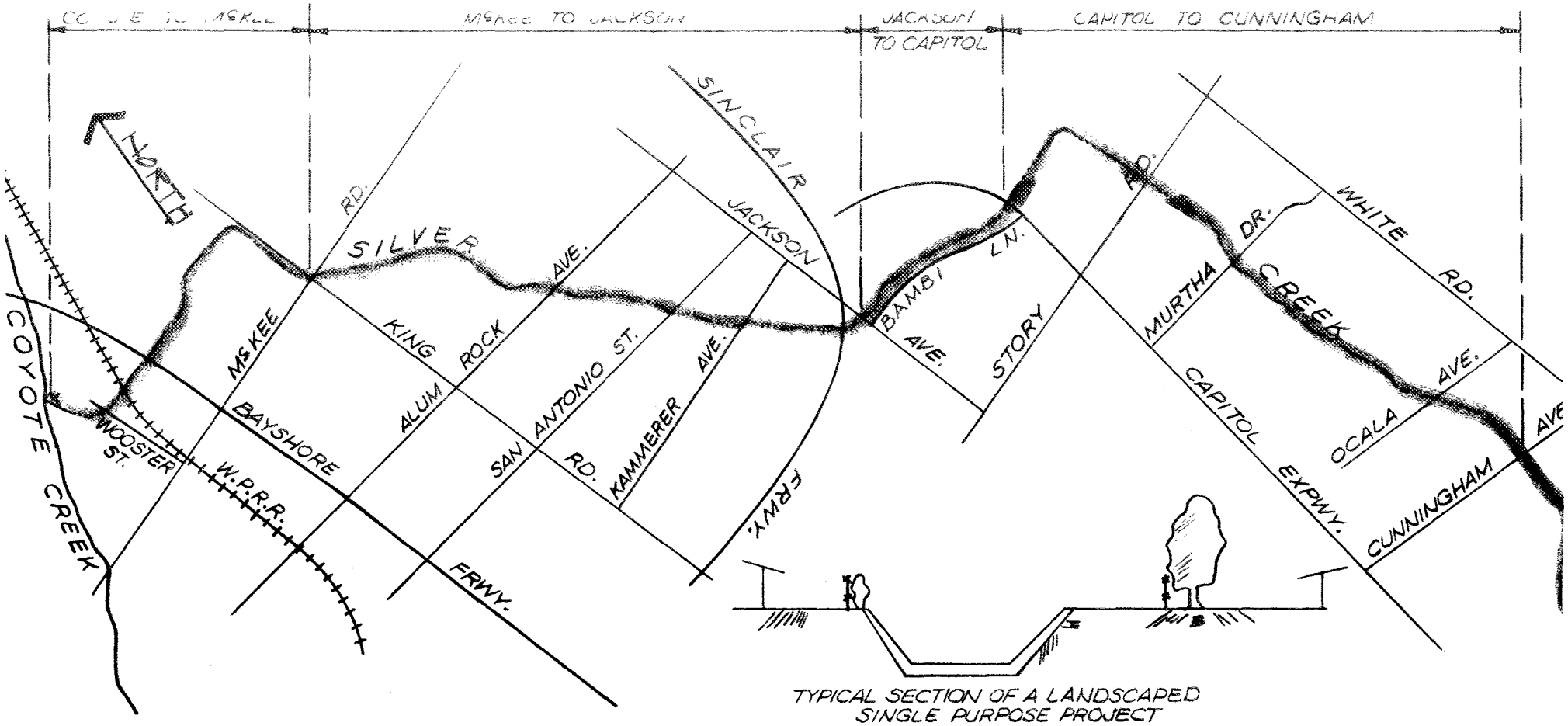
NORTH
FLOOD LIMITS
SILVER CREEK
CAPITOL
JACKSON
MCKEE
ALBIN
RD
QUIMBY
CAPITOL
UPPER SILVER CREEK
BAYSHORE
FWY
STORY
TULLY
FLOOD LIMITS
WATERSHED BOUNDARY
0
2000
4000
6000

the channel would occupy all the remaining open space along the creek. The plan did not provide for recreational use of the creek right of way. It became a part of an East Zone Planning Report published in October 1973 and submitted to review by the public. This plan is one of the alternatives now being considered.

Proposed Alternatives

The proposed alternatives that are under consideration are attached. Each contains a brief description of the alternative with "pros" and "cons" given for each. A pictorial view of the alternative is presented. The estimated cost for each alternative is given in the lower right corner of each sheet.

We would like you to suggest other "pros" and "cons" that should be considered.



TYPICAL SECTION OF A LANDSCAPED SINGLE PURPOSE PROJECT

- POSSIBLE SINGLE PURPOSE PROJECT FOR SILVER CREEK WHICH WOULD ONLY PROVIDE FOR FLOOD CONTROL

PROS:
- MINIMUM COST
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CONS:
- MINIMUM RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
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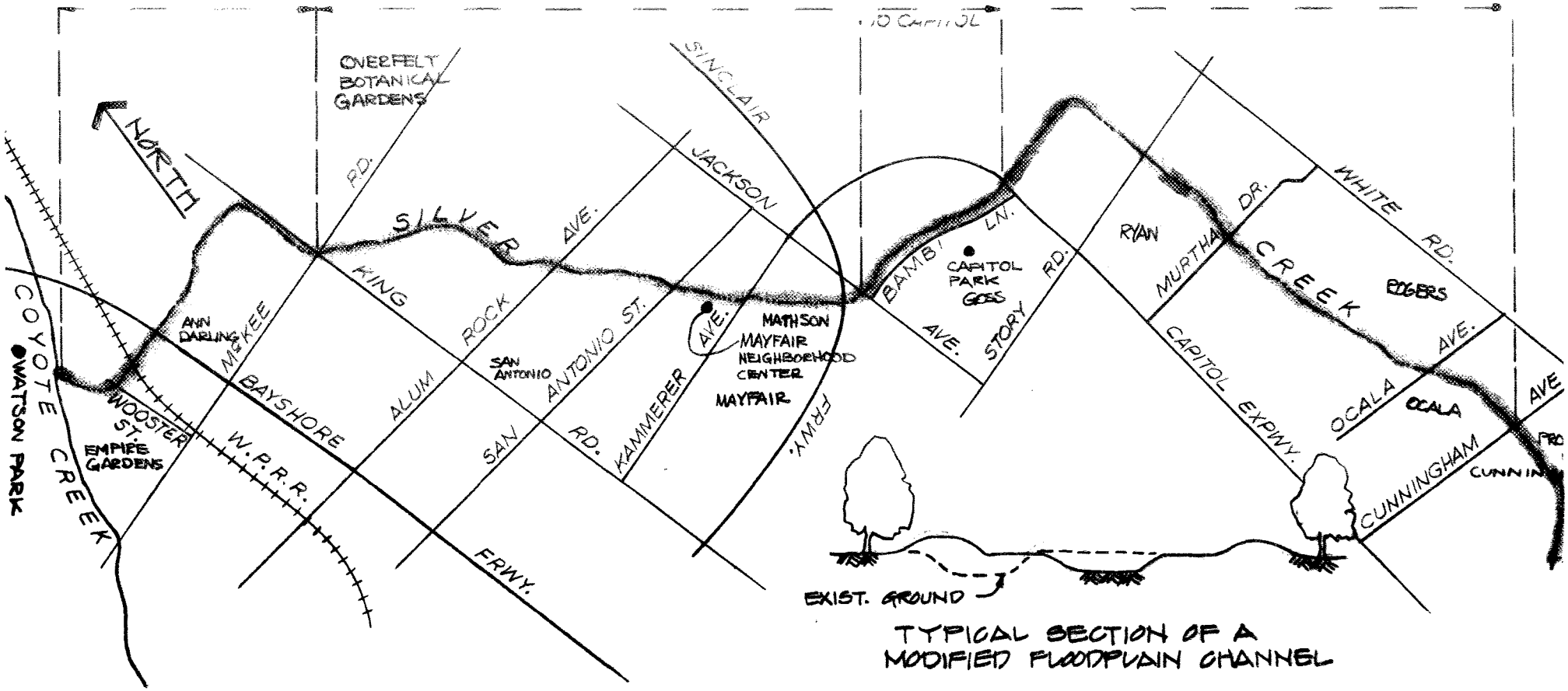

TYPICAL SECTION OF A MODIFIED FLOODPLAIN CHANNEL

- POSSIBLE MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT FOR SILVER CREEK WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A LINK TO PARKS AND SCHOOLS

PROS:
- MAXIMUM RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
-
-

CONS:
- COST GREATER THAN SINGLE PURPOSE PROJECT THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREAS
-
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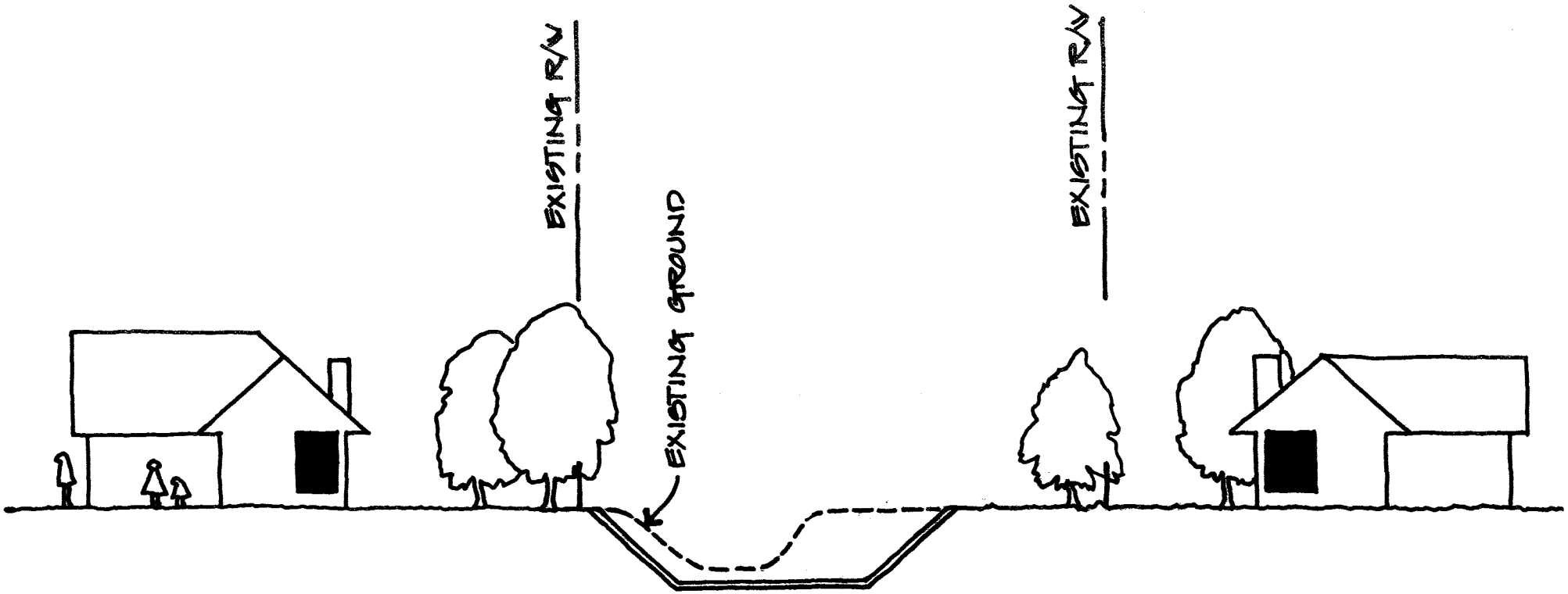


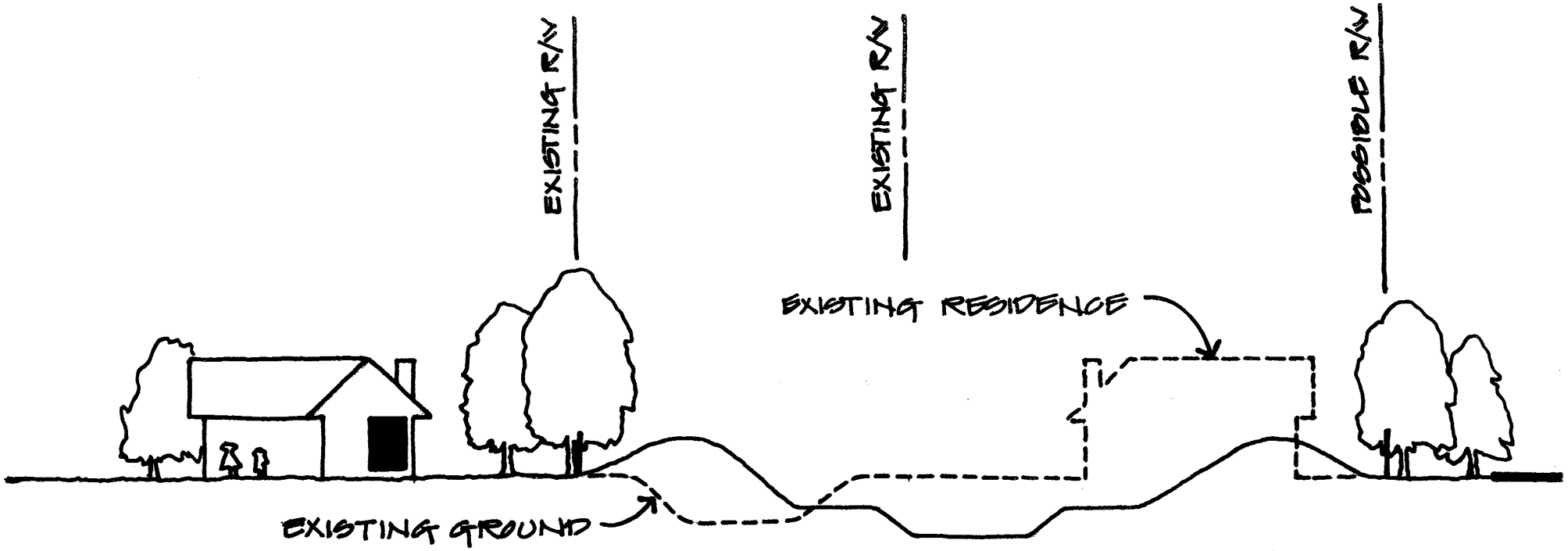
■ LANDSCAPED TRAPEZOIDAL CONCRETE LINED CHANNEL TYPICAL SECTION

DESCRIPTION: consists of excavation of the channel within the existing rights of way and constructing a trapezoidal concrete lined channel. Landscaping would be installed adjacent to the right of way lines.

PROS:
- MINIMUM COST
-
-

CONS:
- MINIMUM RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
-
-

ESTIMATED COST PER LINEAR FOOT $ 200



■ MODIFIED FLOODPLAIN CHANNEL TYPICAL SECTION

DESCRIPTION: Consists of excavating a new larger and deeper channel and installing levees on each side to contain the flood flows. Additional rights of way would be required.

PROS:
- MAXIMUM RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
-
-

CONS:
- COST GREATER THAN SINGLE PURPOSE PROJECT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
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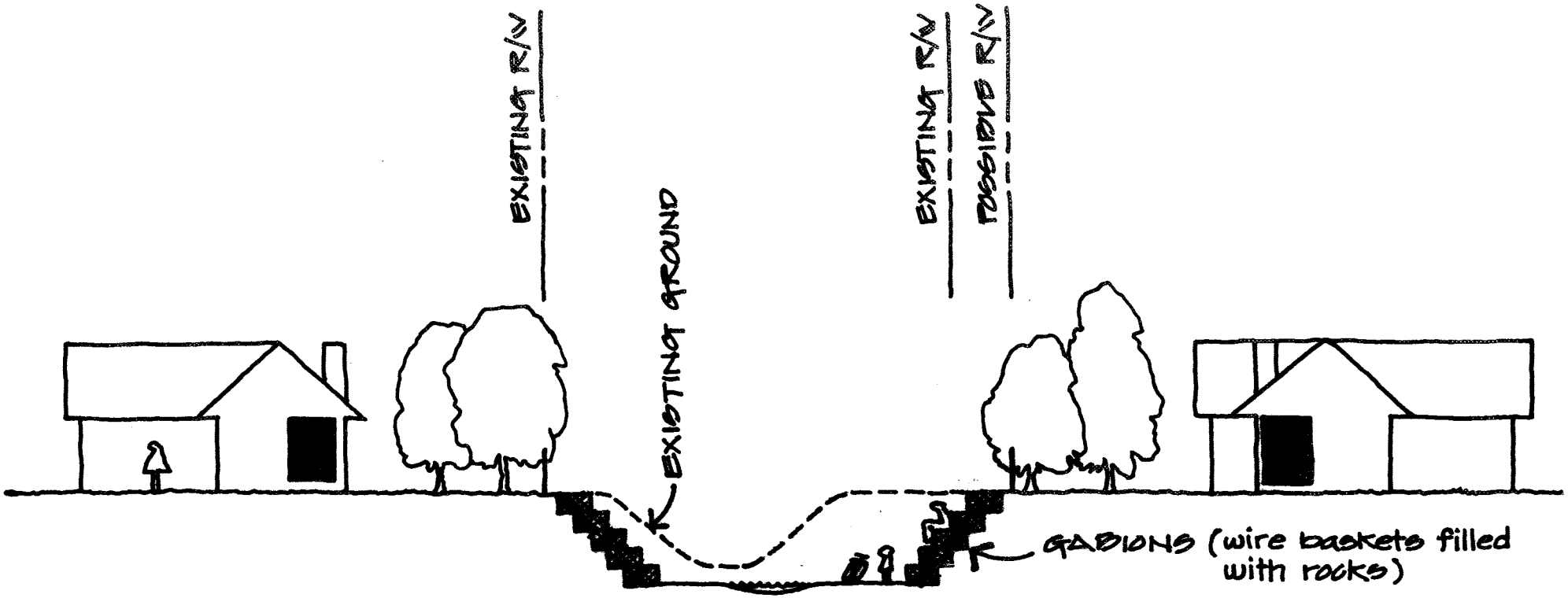
ESTIMATED COST PER LINEAR FOOT $ 105

cost does not reflect costs associated with residential relocation. add $650 per foot of channel for relocation.



■ DEPRESSED PARK CHAIN CHANNEL TYPICAL SECTION

DESCRIPTION: Consists of excavation mainly within existing rights of way except in extremely limited areas and installing a gabion lined channel. A low flow channel would be constructed and pedestrian access would be along the bottom of the channel.

PROS:
- PROVIDES PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
-
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CONS:
- COST GREATER THAN SINGLE PURPOSE PROJECT
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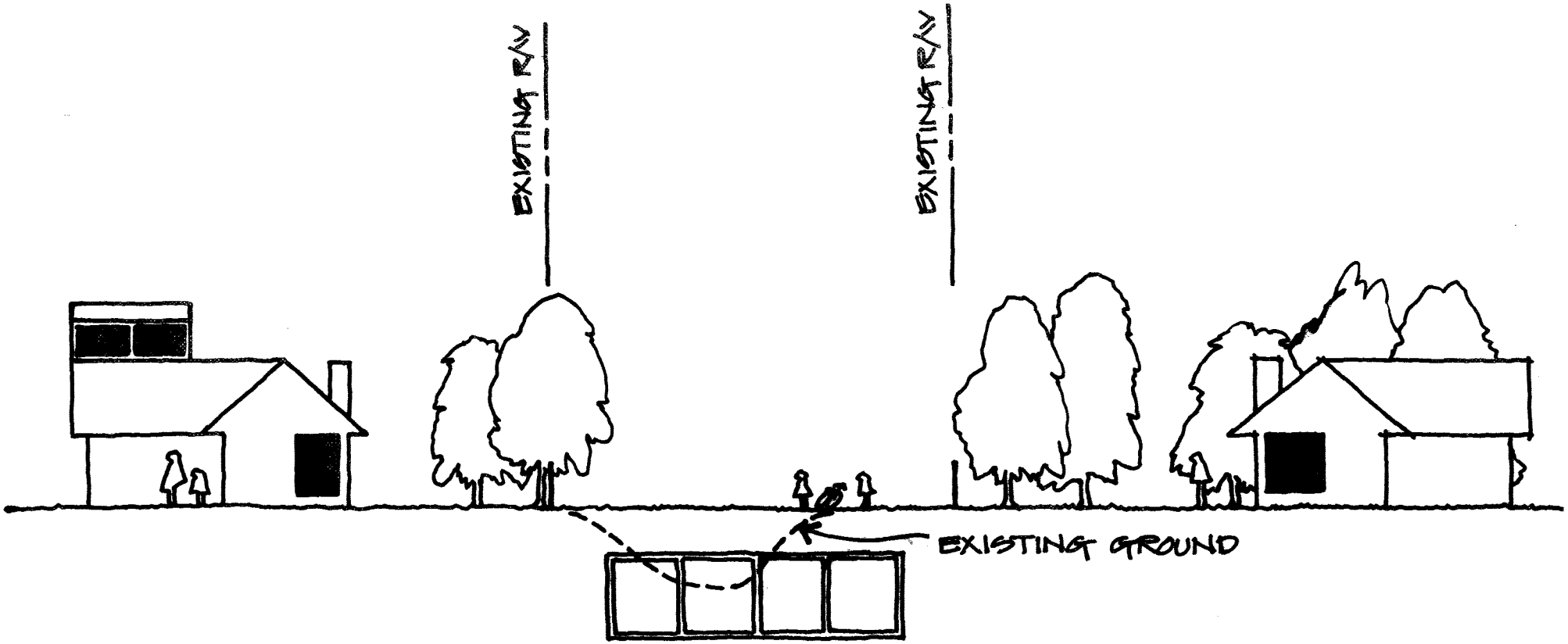
ESTIMATED COST PER LINEAR FOOT $ 420



■ FOUR CELL BOX CULVERT TYPICAL SECTION

DESCRIPTION: Consists of constructing a reinforced concrete box with sufficient size to safely convey the design flood. The excavation site can be refilled, landscaped, and pedestrian access could be allowed. All work would be within existing rights of way.

PROS:
- PROVIDES PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
-
-

CONS:
- COST GREATER THAN SINGLE PURPOSE PROJECT
-
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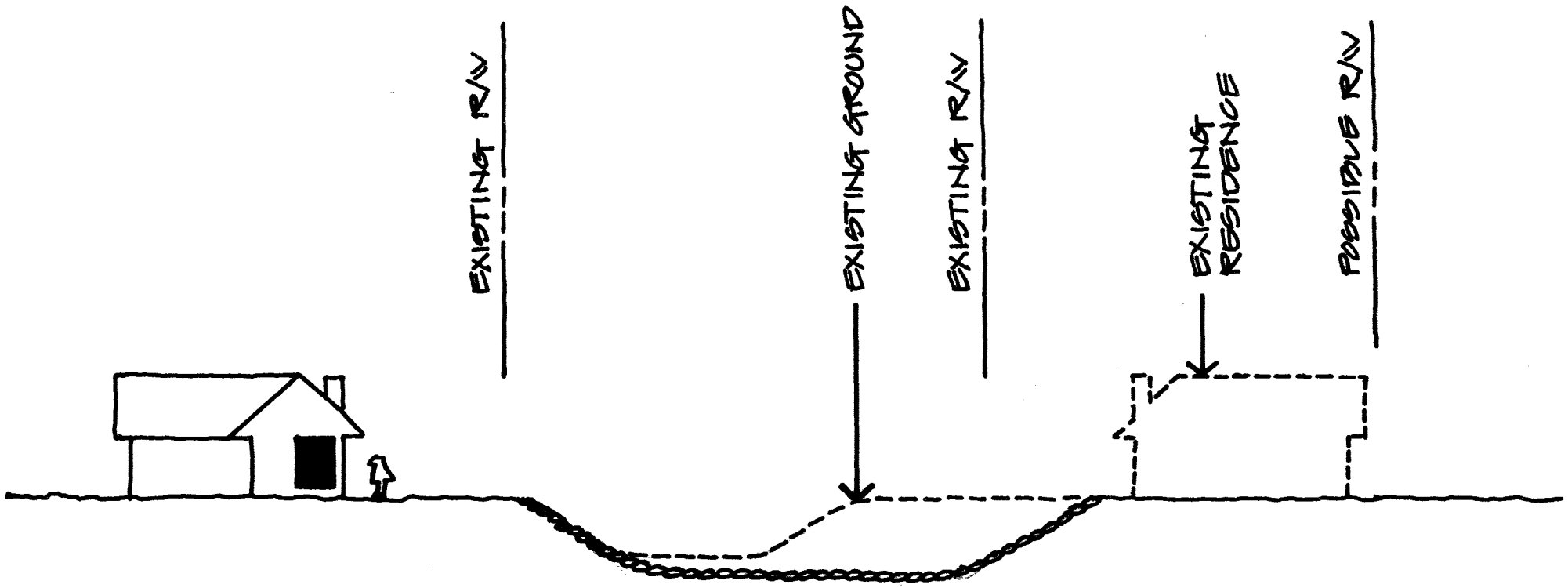
ESTIMATED COST PER LINEAR FOOT $ 1000



■ ROCK LINED CHANNEL TYPICAL SECTION

DESCRIPTION: Consists of constructing a channel with rock lined sides and bottom. Additional rights of way would be required.

PROS:
- CAN PROVIDE FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
- ⋮

CONS:
- COST GREATER THAN SINGLE PURPOSE PROJECT
- ⋮

ESTIMATED COST PER LINEAR FOOT $ 360

cost does not reflect costs associated with residential relocation. Add $050 per foot of channel for relocation.

NOTES

APPENDIX 4
TELEPHONE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

DIRIDON RESEARCH CORPORATION
777 North First Street, Suite 600
San Jose, California 95112
287-9738

SURVEY NO. 7424 (~~10~~)
December 7-15, 1974
Start Time _____
Finish Time _____
Questionnaire No. ____ (12)

The Santa Clara Valley Water District has determined that the area in which you live is subject to flooding from Silver Creek, the creek flowing past Eastridge, Goss Elementary School and Tropicana theater.

1. Two feasible solutions to this problem would both require concrete or rock lining of the channel. The difference is that the first solution is to deepen, widen, and landscape the creekbed establishing only a flood control channel; while the second is to construct this flood control channel and in addition provide some type of recreational and open space facility within and along the creek. Would you favor or oppose [ROTATE] each of these alternatives.

	Favor	Oppose	DK/DTS	
A. Provide flood control channel only	1	2	3	(13)
B. Provide flood control and recreational facilities	1	2	3	(14)

2. The alternative providing for flood control only would require no additional funding measures, while constructing a facility which would also provide recreation would necessitate either an approximate doubling of the flood control tax rate (23¢ per 100 now to 46¢ per 100 later, or about $20 now to $40 later), or the passage of a $16 to $20 million bond issue. With this in mind, if you had to choose one of the creek design alternatives, which one would you prefer?

A. Provide flood control channel only	1	(15)
B. Provide flood control and recreational facilities	2 [SKIP TO Q4]	
C. DK/DTS	3	

3. Would you favor or oppose [ROTATE] restricting access to the creek by constructing a fence on each side of the creek along its entire course?

A. Favor	[SKIP TO Q7]	1	(16)
B. Oppose		2	
C. Other		3	
D. DK/DTS		4	

4. Which of the following recreational facilities would you use if they were provided along the creek? DO NOT READ LIST May mark more than one

A.	Hiking and walking	1	(17)
B.	Bicycling	1	(18)
C.	Horseback riding	1	(19)
D.	Sports activities, such as horseshoes, badminton, ball games, archery	1	(20)
E.	Picnicing	1	(21)
F.	Fishing	1	(22)
G.	Other water sports such as rafting	1	(23)
H.	Other _____	1	(24)
I.	DK/DTS	1	(25)

5. Some of these types of recreation would require a year-round flow of water in the creek. Would you favor or oppose ROTATE year-round water flow?

A.	Yes	1	(26)
B.	No	2	
C.	DK/DTS	3	

6. Recreational facilities would be provided along the creek in one of two ways, 1) a trail running the entire length of the creek, or 2) a series of small creekside parks without the interconnecting trail. Which of these two alternatives would you prefer?

A.	Creekside trail	1	(27)
B.	Creekside parks without a trail	2	
C.	DK/DTS	3	

7. The alternative providing recreational facilities could be completed in a 9-year period with an approximate doubling of the current tax rate, or in a 20-year period by maintaining the current tax rate. Would you be willing to wait up to 20 years for flood control in the Silver Creek area?

A.	Yes	1	(28)
B.	No	2	
C.	DK/DTS	3	

8. Are you currently registered to vote?

A.	Yes	1	(29)
B.	No	2	
C.	DK/DTS	3	

SKIP TO Q10

9. If an election were held tomorrow, would you vote for or against ROTATE passing a 16 to 20 million dollar bond issue for construction of recreational facilities along Silver Creek?

A.	For	1	(30)
B.	Against	2	
C.	DK/DTS	3	

10. How long have you lived in your present home?

A. Less than 1 year	1	(31)
B. 1 to 4 years	2	
C. 5 to 10 years	3	
D. Over 10 years	4	
E. DTS	5	

11. Please stop me when I read the category that includes your age.

A. 18-29	1	(32)
B. 30-39	2	
C. 40-49	3	
D. 50 or more	4	
E. DTS	5	

12. Are you renting or do you own your residence?

A. Renting	1	(33)
B. Own/Buying	2	
C. DTS	3	

13. Please stop me when I read the category that includes the approximate total annual income for all those in your household before taxes.

READ ALL CATEGORIES EXCEPT DK/DTS

A. $0-4,999	1	(34)
B. $5-9,999	2	
C. $10-14,999	3	
D. $15-20,000	4	
E. $20,000 or more	5	
F. DK/DTS	6	

14. To which of the following ethnic backgrounds do you belong?

READ ALL CATEGORIES EXCEPT OTHER AND DTS

Check against surname on precinct list

A. Caucasian (white)	1	(35)
B. Mexican-American	2	
C. Black	3	
D. Oriental	4	
E. Other _____	5	
F. DTS	6	

spondent's Name _____ Phone No. _____

dress _____

terviewer's Name _____

APPENDIX 5

Santa Clara Valley Water District

5750 ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95118
TELEPHONE (408) 265-2600

January 16, 1975

Dear East Valley Resident:

As your elected/appointed representatives on the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District, we are writing to solicit your interest - in your life, your welfare, and the protection of your family and home.

Due to poor planning practices in the past, homes were built within the natural floodplain of Silver Creek. Now, some 90,000 persons in the East Santa Clara Valley are threatened with flood waters reaching their homes.

There are basically two ways that your neighborhood can be made safe from flooding. One way is to dig the creek deeper and wider, line the sides and the bottom with concrete, and then landscape the area with trees and shrubs. This is the cheapest way, but it will serve only one purpose: flood control. The other way to solve the problem is to widen the creek, line it with rock or concrete and build earth mounds along it. These can be used for trails along the banks of the creek. In this way people can use the creek for multipurpose recreation, such as hiking, bicycling and picnics.

This latter arrangement presents several problems which need to be outlined for your information:

1. Preliminary estimates for multipurpose facilities (flood protection plus recreation) are about twice the cost of a single facility (flood protection only).

2. All of the tax revenues of the East Flood Control Zone have been committed to Berryessa Creek and Silver Creek in a nine-year program to complete construction. This time schedule has assumed a flood control only facility. A higher cost multi-purpose project would either require passage of a bond issue or tax override election for the additional funds in order not to upset the nine-year schedule that has been set.

3. Where the creek is close to people's yards and homes there is often objection to a loss of privacy.

4. Increased possibilities for vandalism are a concern to many people. Such recreation areas are often difficult to police and maintain.

On the other hand, there are advantages to having a multipurpose project. These include:

1. Creek and creekside open space areas are made available for use of the people.

2. Trail systems along the creek could connect major park areas with local parks.

3. Community beautification programs might be encouraged to integrate with the recreational landscaping and natural areas along the creek.

Many people have asked about the Federal Flood Insurance Program. Recently, the National Flood Protection Act was passed by Congress. This Act makes flood insurance available at subsidized rates for existing homes threatened by flooding if the local communities will adopt land use regulations that prohibit new construction in floodable areas. The City of San Jose had indicated that they will adopt such regulations, probably by July 1, 1975. When the insurance becomes available, purchase will not be mandatory. But unless it is obtained, the homeowner will not be eligible for any kinds of federally assisted or insured loans. This extends even to a local bank for home improvement, for example, because most banks have their deposits insured by the Federal government.

It appears to the District, however, that the cost to the people of buying flood insurance would be greater over the long run than providing minimum cost flood protection.

As your representative on this public agency's Board of Directors, we need to hear your opinion as to what type of program you want us to undertake on the Silver Creek watershed.

We request that you take a few minutes to answer the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the Water District in the enclosed envelope. You are invited to sign your name and address to the survey but this is not necessary. All replies will be considered equally.

Communication of this sort is the backbone of our democratic system. Please do your part in keeping our system of government a reality and not just a commemorative ideal.

Faithfully yours,

Bob

Robert T. Sapp
Director, District 3

Patrick T. Ferraro
Director, District 2

Edmund A. Mirassou
Director At Large

Enclosure

SILVER CREEK SURVEY

PLEASE DO NOT READ AHEAD. READ AND ANSWER QUESTIONS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY APPEAR.

Question 1 The Santa Clara Valley Water District has determined that the area in which you live is subject to flooding from Silver Creek, the creek flowing past Eastridge, Goss Elementary School and Tropicana theater.

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A. Provide flood control channel only Favor oppose
B. Provide flood control and recreation facilities Favor oppose

Question 2 The alternative providing for flood control only would require no additional funding measures, while constructing a facility which would also provide recreation would necessitate either an approximate doubling of the flood control tax rate (23¢ per 100 now to 46¢ per 100 later, or about $20 now to $40 later), or the passage of a $16 to $20 million bond issue. With this in mind, if you had to choose one of the creek design alternatives, which one would you prefer? Please circle you choice.

A. Provide flood control channel only
B. Provide flood control and recreational facilities
C. Do not know/Decline to state

SILVER CREEK SURVEY

Question 3 Would you favor or oppose restricting access to the creek by constructing a fence on each side of the creek along its entire course? Please circle your choice.

A. Favor
B. Oppose -- If this is your choice, skip to question 7 and do not answer questions 4, 5, and 6.
C. Other
D. Do not know/Decline to state

Question 4 Which of the following recreational facilities would you use if they were provided along the creek? You may mark more than one.

A. Hiking and walking
B. Bicycling
C. Horseback riding
D. Sports activities, such as horseshoes, badminton, ball games, archery
E. Picnicing
F. Fishing
G. Other water sports such as rafting
H. Other _____
I. Do not know/Decline to state

Question 5 Some of these types of recreation would require a year-round flow of water in the creek. Would you favor or oppose year-round water flow? Please circle one.

A. Favor
B. Oppose
C. Do not know/Decline to state

Question 6 Recreational facilities would be provided along the creek in one of two ways, 1) a trail running the entire length of the creek, or 2) a series of small creekside parks without the interconnecting trail. Which of these two alternatives would you prefer?

A. Creekside trail
B. Creekside parks without a trail
C. Do not know/Decline to state

SILVER CREEK SURVEY

Question 7 The alternative providing recreational facilities could be completed in a 9-year period with an approximate doubling of the current tax rate, or in a 20-year period by maintaining the current tax rate. Would you be willing to wait up to 20 years for flood control in the Silver Creek area? Please circle one.

A. Yes
B. No
C. Do not know/Decline to state

Question 8 Are you currently registered to vote? Please circle one.

A. Yes
B. No -- If this is your choice, skip to question 10 and do not answer question 9.
C. Do not know/Decline to state.

Question 9 If an election were held tomorrow, would you vote for or against passing a 16 to 20 million dollar bond issue for construction of recreational facilities along Silver Creek? Please circle one.

A. For
B. Against
C. Do not know/Decline to state

Question 10 How long have you lived in your present home? Please circle one.

A. Less than 1 year
B. 1 to 4 years
C. 5 to 10 years
D. Over 10 years
E. Decline to state

Question 11 Please circle the category that includes your age.

A. 18-29
B. 30-39
C. 40-49
D. 50 or more
E. Decline to state

SILVER CREEK SURVEY

Question 12 Are you renting or do you own your residence?

A. Renting
B. Own/Buying
C. Decline to state

Question 13 Please circle the category that includes the approximate total annual income for all those in your household before taxes.

A. $0 - 4,999
B. $5 - 9,999
C. $10 - 14,999
D. $15 - 20,000
E. $20,000 or more
F. Do not know/Decline to state

Question 14 To which of the following ethnic backgrounds do you belong?

A. Caucasian (white)
B. Spanish Surname
C. Black
D. Oriental
E. Other _____
D. Decline to state

Question 15 If a Citizens Committee is established to advise and assist the District in planning a needed flood control project on Silver Creek, would you be interested in serving on such a Committee?

A. Yes
B. No

Optional:

_____ _____
Name Address

APPENDIX 6

SILVER CREEK SURVEY QUESTIONAIRE SUMMARY
TOTAL RESPONSES 347

Question 1: Defines differences between flood control only and flood control with recreation use; questions are:

	Responses
A. Provide flood control channel only	219
B. Provide flood control and recreation facilities	102

Question 2 : Explains possible funding of either type of project and impact on tax rate; questions are:

	Responses
A. Provide flood control channel only	213
B. Provide flood control and recreational facilities	84
C. Do not know/Decline to state	20

Question 3: Asks if they favor or oppose access to the creek, the party is directed to skip questions 4, 5, and 6 if they oppose access.*

Favor	Oppose	Other	Do not know/Decline to state
98	126	7	20

Question 4: Asks party to indicate which of the following recreational facilities would they use if provided. They could mark more than one.

	Responses
A. Hiking	95
B. Bicycling	74
C. Horseback riding	25
D. Sports activities, such as horseshoes, badminton, ball games, archery	44

Question 4 (continued)

	Responses
E. Picnicing	78
F. Fishing	55
G. Other water sports such as rafting	22
H. Other 2-Tennis 1-Swimming pool	
I. Do not know/I decline to state	3

Question 5: Asks if the party favors or opposes year-round flow in the creek.

Favor	Oppose	Do not know/Decline to state
107	70	30

Question 6: Asks if a creek-side trail or a series of small parks is preferred.

	Responses
A. Creek-side trail	87
B. Creek-side park without a trail	44
C. Do not know/Decline to state	49
D. Both trails and parks	7

Question 7: Asks if party is willing to wait up to 20 years for a flood control channel with recreational facilities or would favor doubling the tax rate and completing the work in 9 years.

Yes (willing to wait)	No	Do not know
102	156	53

Question 8: Is party currently registered to vote

Yes	No	Do not know/Decline to state
278	46	6

Question 9: Is party in favor of a bond election for construction of recreational facilities.

Yes	No	Do not know/Decline to state
79	205	14

Question 10: How long have you lived in your present home.

	Responses
A. Less than one year	11
B. One to 4 years	75
C. 5 to 10 years	152
D. Over 10 years	168
E. Decline to state	7

Question 11: Age	Responses
A. 18-29	34
B. 30-39	93
C. 40-49	76
D. 50 or more	120
E. Decline to state	9

Question 12: Renting/owning	Responses
A. Renting	18
B. Own/Buying	301
C. Decline to state	10

Question 13: Income	Responses
A. 0 -$4,999	21
B. $5 -$9,999	43
C. $10 -$14,999	86
D. $15 -$20,000	59
E. $20,000 and over	45
F. Do not know/Decline to state	69

Question 14: Ethnic Background	Responses
A. Caucasian	206
B. Spanish	71
C. Black	15
D. Oriental	25
E. Other	10
F. Decline to state	1

Question 15: Interested in being on a Citizens Committee to study the creek and assist in planning for a flood control project.

Yes	No
79	220

* Question 3 was stated, "Would you favor or oppose restricting access to the creek by constructing a fence ..." We found most people were confused by this question and the answers to questions 1 & 2 and the responses to questions 4,5,and 6 were inconsistant with their response to question 3. The tabulation reflects an attempt to remove an inconsistant answer to question 3.

APPENDIX 7

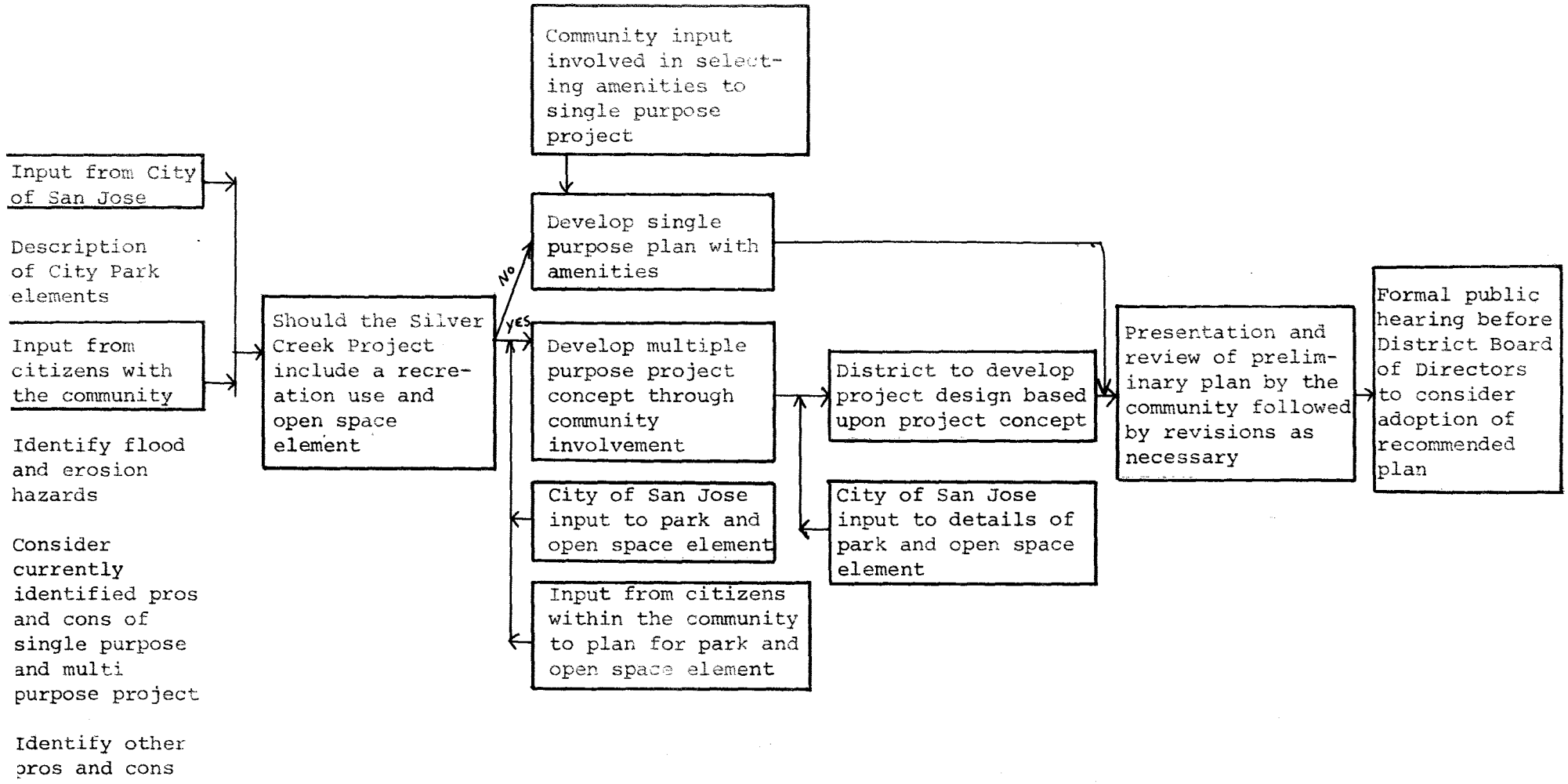
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SILVER CREEK

Mayfair Model Cities Agency
San Jose Parks and Recreation Department
San Jose Unified School District
East Side Union School District
Taxpayers Association of Santa Clara County
San Jose Chamber of Commerce
Loma Prieta Chapter - Sierra Club
City of San Jose Public Works Department
City of San Jose Planning Department
City of San Jose Police Department
Taxpayers Unanimous
Senior Citizens
County Planning Department
San Jose Real Estate Board
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society
Trout Unlimited
United New Conservationists
Alma Neighborhood Council
Cassell Neighborhood Improvement
East Valley Regional Park
East Valley Neighborhood Association
East Valley Homeowners Association
Greater East San Jose Homeowners Association
Hillview Neighborhood Improvement
Pleasant Hills Homeowners
Jose Villa - MACSA
La Confederacion de la Raza Unida
Italian American Benevolent Society
Associacion de Obreros, Incorporated
NAACP
Black Caucus
United People Arriba
Club Los Charros
Club San Felipe
Club Zanzaree
Mexican-American Political
San Jose Junior Japanese-American Citizens
Polish National Alliance
Club Latino
Moose Loyal Order of #401

Citizens Advisory Committee (Silver Creek)

Civic Club
Kiwanis Club (East San Jose)
Mt. Hamilton Grange #469
Santa Clara County Pagent Association
League of Women Voters of Greater Santa Clara Valley
Mt. Hamilton CTA Coordination Council
Citizens Against Air Pollution
Department of Fish and Game
Save our Peninsula Creeks Committee
Committee for Green Foothills



Study Flow Chart

APPENDIX 8